

Comment Form

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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I am alarmed and strongly opposed to the EPA's proposed changes to the regulations that implement the New Source Review provisions of the Clean Air Act. The NSR program, which has already been dramatically undermined by the rule changes you adopted in December, will be nearly eliminated by the proposal currently under consideration. These provisions clearly require that whenever a major source of air pollution undergoes any change that will cause pollution to increase significantly, the source must adopt modern methods for controlling that pollution. But you have proposed severely weakening these rules with enormous loopholes that would allow massive increases in pollution. The EPA has acknowledged that power plant pollution is a serious		

threat to respiratory health, responsible for millions of asthma attacks as well as hundreds of thousands of hospital emergency room visits and tens of thousands of premature deaths annually. Air pollution shrouds our national parks and settles toxic chemicals into our streams and lakes. If you finalize any of the rule changes you have proposed, these harmful impacts will only worsen. I strongly urge you not to let the dirtiest power producers off the hook, at the expense of public health. Bigger loopholes for corporate polluters will only cause more health problems and more environmental damage.